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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/985,734 Confirmation No.: 4237
Applicant : Catherine A. HAALA
Filed : November 6, 2001
Title : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OBSTRUCTING A PERSON
FROM NEGOTIATING A TRANSACTION WITH ANOTHER
PERSON, GROUP, OR ENTITY IN A POPULATION
TC/A.U. : 2131
Examiner : Ronald Baum
Atty. Docket No. : US 1295/01
Date : February 25, 2004

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals from the Examiner's final rejection of Claims 1-20, in the Office Action dated November 25, 2003. A check for \$165.00 to cover the appeal fee is enclosed. **Applicant claims small entity status.**

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It is believed that no additional fees are due. However, should that determination be incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 01-0433, and notify the undersigned in due course.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss further this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DAGARWAL', written over a horizontal line.

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